

Resolution No.: 17-503
Introduced: June 26, 2012
Adopted: July 24, 2012

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Approval of Site Change for Fire Station 18 Relocation

Background

1. County Code Section 21-4(b) prohibits a local fire and rescue department from changing the location of any facility used to provide fire and rescue services in the County without County Council approval and prohibits the County Executive from including a site for any facility used to provide fire and rescue services in a proposed Capital Improvements Program unless the Council has approved the location or relocation of the facility.
2. Fire Station 18 must be relocated due to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) plan for a grade separation at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road. The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department property on which Station 18 now stands lies within the right-of-way required by SHA to construct the grade separation; thus Station 18 will be purchased by the State from the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, contingent on approval of the sale by the Chief Administrative Officer or County Council under County Code Section 21-26(c), and eventually demolished.
3. Resolution No. 15-1483 was adopted by County Council on May 25, 2006 approving the relocation of Fire Station 18 from its current location at 12251 Georgia Avenue to the WMATA Triangle property located on the west side of Georgia Avenue directly across from Glenallen Avenue.
4. The original site selection process recommended co-locating the fire station with a planned WMATA garage near the Glenmont Metro station (WMATA Triangle). Initial plans for the parking garage identified 3.56 acres for the fire station. During design and construction of the parking garage, the available fire station site was reduced to 2.31 acres.
5. The Departments of Fire and Rescue Service and General Services have determined that the planned fire station should be relocated to the old Glenmont Elementary School site at 12200 Georgia Avenue for the following reasons:
 - The WMATA Triangle site could not accommodate the programmed fire station.
 - Peak period WMATA garage traffic may impede emergency response.

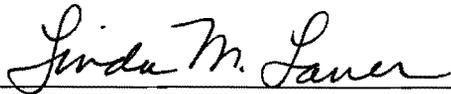
- The Planning Board rejected the fire station design at the WMATA Triangle during the Mandatory Referral hearing on December 15, 2011 due to traffic and access concerns that could not be addressed due to property constraints.
 - The WMATA Triangle property was to be purchased. The County owns the proposed new site.
 - A community meeting on the relocation of the fire station to the new site was held on June 18, 2012 and was met without objection.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held on July 17, 2012.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The County Council approves the proposed relocation of Fire Station 18 from its current location at 12251 Georgia Avenue to the old Glenmont Elementary School site at 12200 Georgia Ave.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council